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Fifteen Alabama deaths now linked to 2009 H1N1 influenza

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The Alabama Department of Public Health was notified Friday about the deaths of four additional individuals: a woman in her 30s and a man in his 60s from Montgomery County, a man in his 40s from Calhoun County, and a man in his 30s from Mobile County. Specimens showed all tested positive for 2009 H1N1 influenza.

Previous deaths of persons positive for H1N1 influenza have occurred during 2009 in Bullock, Dale, Houston, Jackson, Jefferson, Macon, Madison, Montgomery, Russell and Talladega counties.

The continued widespread incidence of 2009 H1N1 influenza in Alabama and the 15 known deaths in the state serve as reminder of the need for everyone to take steps to prevent transmission of disease and to be immunized for both seasonal and H1N1 influenza when vaccine becomes available.

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